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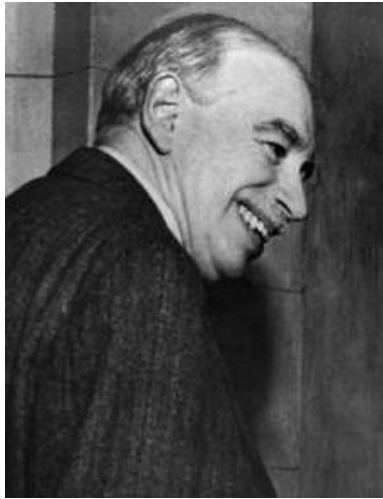
The Public Policy Institute for Wales

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There is nothing a politician likes so little as to be well-informed. It makes decision making so complex and difficult.

For me, politics shouldn't be some mind-bending exercise. It's about what you feel in your gut





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1. Make the Welsh Government a more intelligent and demanding customer for research and advice
2. Ensure our decisions are informed by the best available evidence
3. Improve the effectiveness of policy and delivery in Wales



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Our Mission: Using evidence to improve policy

The Public Policy Institute for Wales:

- Works directly with Ministers to identify their evidence needs, make links between the Welsh Government's in-house research, and commission external analysis and advice from authoritative independent experts;
- Assists researchers to increase the impact of their work by developing stronger links with the Welsh Government; and
- Facilitates cross-jurisdictional learning between Wales and the rest of the UK



How we work

The Institute works in two main modes:

- bespoke analysis and advice commissioned by individual Ministers; and
- longer-term research on strategic cross-cutting challenges that face the Welsh Government as a whole as well as policy makers in other parts of the UK.



Our network



1: Swansea Centre
for Health Economics

2: College of
Engineering, Swansea
University

3: Cardiff Business
School

4: WISERD Education,
Cardiff University

5: Bevan Foundation,
Methyr

6: School of
Management and
Business, Aberystwyth
University

7: The Young
Foundation, London

8: School of Education,
Nottingham University

9: Institute of
Employment Research,
Warwick University

10: Centre for Business
in Society, Coventry
University

11: Spatial Economics
Research Centre, London
School of Economics

12: Department
of Geography and
Environment, London
School of Economics

13: Early Intervention
Foundation, London

14: Centre for Housing
and Planning Research,
Cambridge University

15: Department of Land
Economy, Cambridge
University

16: Civil, Maritime
and Environmental
Engineering and Science
Unit, Southampton
University

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and Consulting, Ludlow

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Education
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Supporting effective public services in Scotland



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Our work to date

- First two work programmes included 26 assignments for Ministers, over half of which have been completed.
- Topics have been diverse, for example:
 - Impact of bus deregulation
 - Impact of debt on communities and households
 - Location and staffing of overseas offices
 - Approaches to prioritising elective surgery



Work on housing to date

- Think piece: Increasing the supply of affordable housing
- Forecasting housing need and demand in Wales
- The role of the private rented sector in Wales



Our work going forward: third phase of our work programme

- 13 new assignments for Ministers
 - Longer-term work streams on:
 - Future public services
 - Tackling poverty (including ESRC-funded research)
1. The impact of welfare reforms on housing policy
 2. Approaches to tackling homelessness
 3. The impact of ageing population on housing needs
 4. The quality of further education in Wales
 5. Approaches to benchmarking local government performance
 6. Public adoption of digital public services
 7. Determinants of organisational effectiveness in local government
 8. The implications of budget reductions for the future provision of leisure and cultural services
 9. Not-for-profit companies and rail service provision
 10. Maximising the economic impact of regional airports
 11. Analysis of the resilience of the market for nursing homes
 12. Increasing the role of social enterprises in the provision of social care
 13. Food policy in Wales.



Tackling poverty

Economic and Social Research Council has funded the PPIW to oversee a programme of research on tackling poverty, which includes the following:

- A Dynamic Analysis of Poverty and Vulnerability in Wales: Moving Beyond the “Conventional” Approach”, Dr Shafiul Azam (Aberystwyth University)
- Harnessing Growth Sectors for Poverty Reduction: What Works to Reduce Poverty through Sustainable Employment with Opportunities for Progression, Professor Anne Green (University of Warwick) with the Bevan Foundation
- What Would Work as a Viable Alternative to Payday Loans?, James Plunkett (The Young Foundation) with Professor Dave Adamson
- The Role of Housing and Housing Providers in Tackling Poverty Experienced by Young People in the UK, Professor Michael Oxley (University of Cambridge).

Alongside this, we are scoping a programme of work that would situate this in a wider body of knowledge about poverty in Wales



Future Public Services

- Public services facing a fundamental challenge:
 - Constrained resources
 - Increasing demand
 - Increasing complexity of public service landscape
- Existing mind sets, approaches, and structures are going to be insufficient

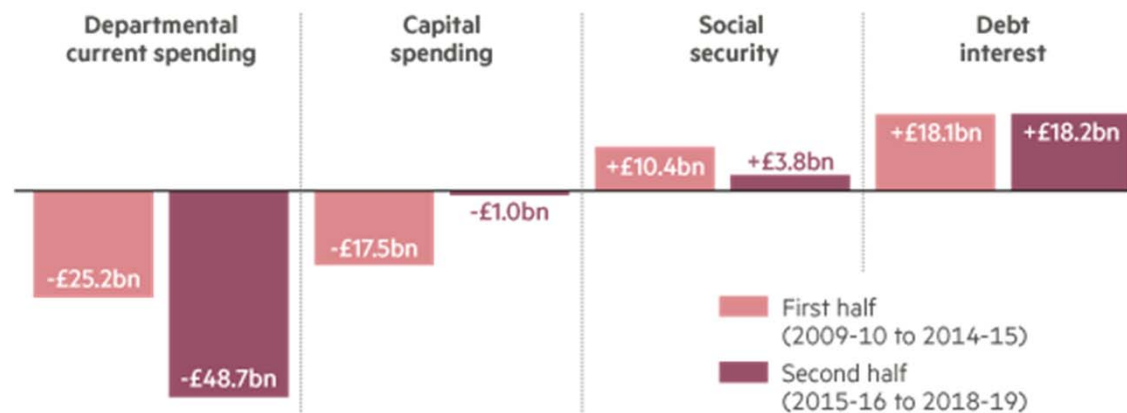


Limited resources set to continue

A nine-year period of spending cuts is only halfway through

Forecast changes

£bn in constant 2013-14 prices



Sources: OBR; FT research

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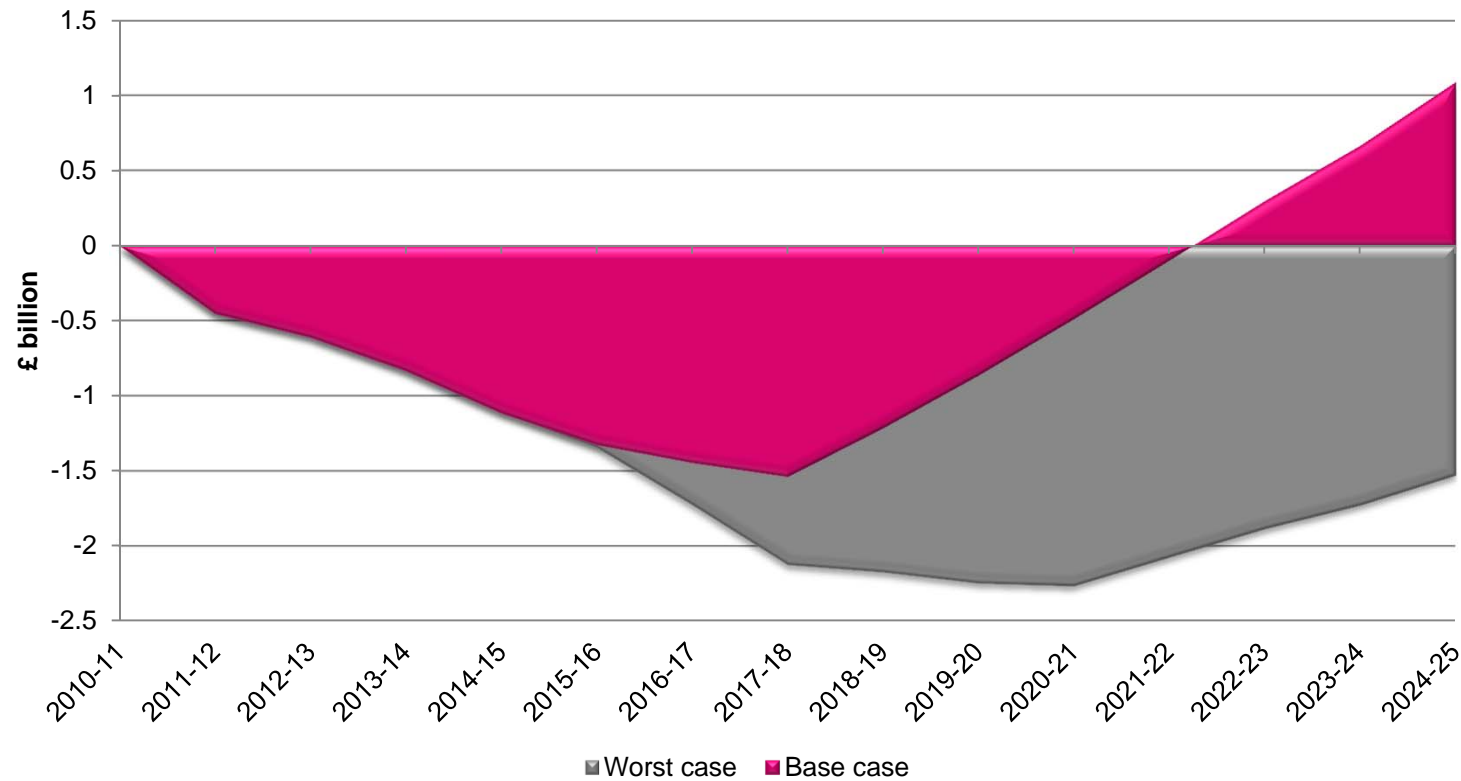
General Election result may be less significant than might be expected

Based on figures from Institute for Fiscal Studies estimates:

- Cuts for 2015-16 set at £8.7billion (real terms)
- Conservatives: a further £37.6 billion in real terms 2015-16 to 2018-19
- Labour: a further £9.3 billion 2015-16 to 2018-19
- Liberal Democrats: a further £8.6 billion 2015-16 to 2018-19



Impact on devolved revenue spending

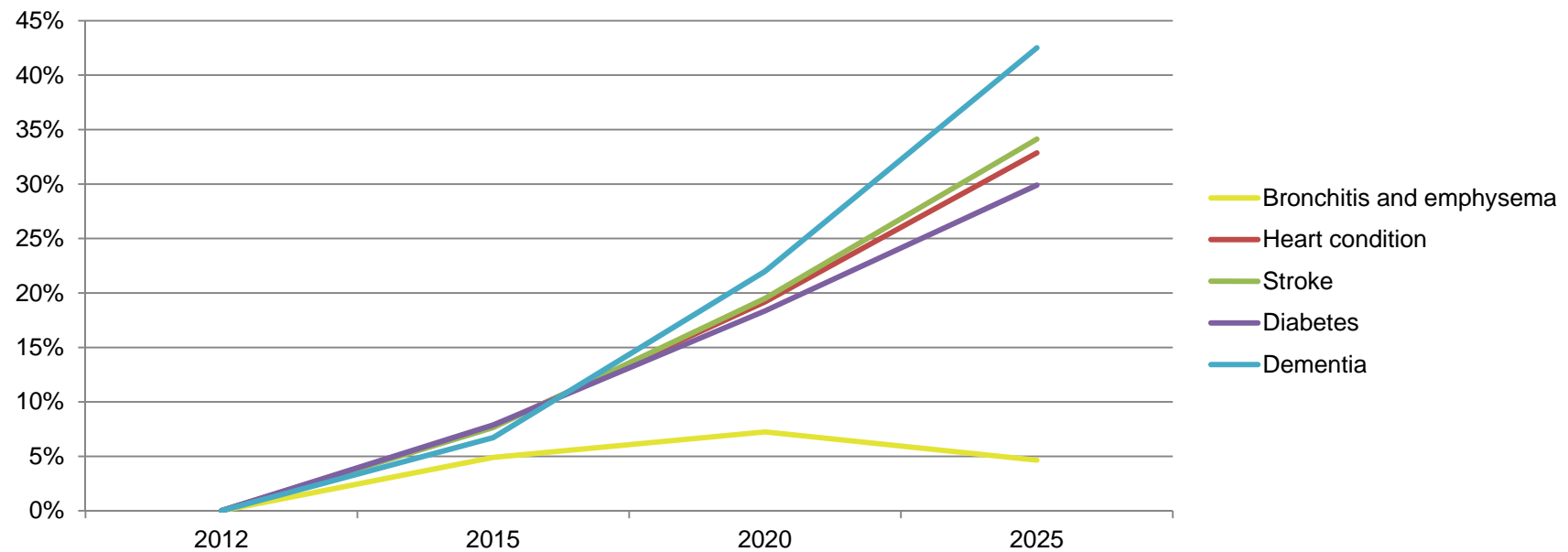


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Increasing demand for healthcare

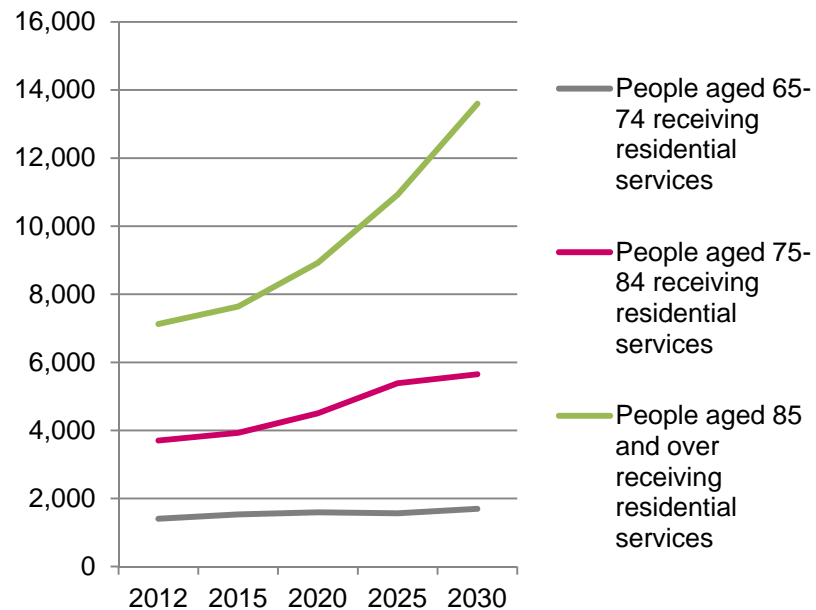
Increase in over 65s with chronic condition



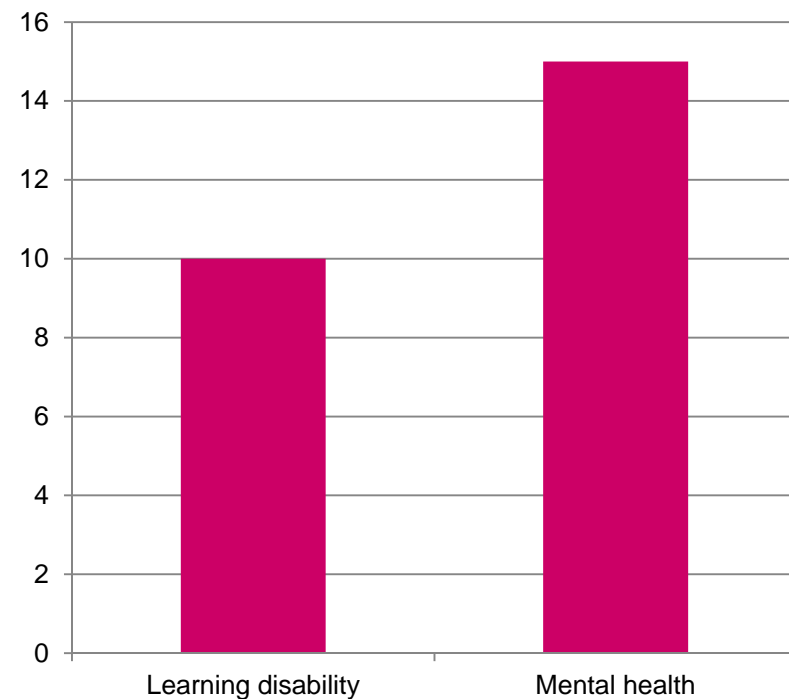


Adult Social Care Pressures

: Projected demand for residential services

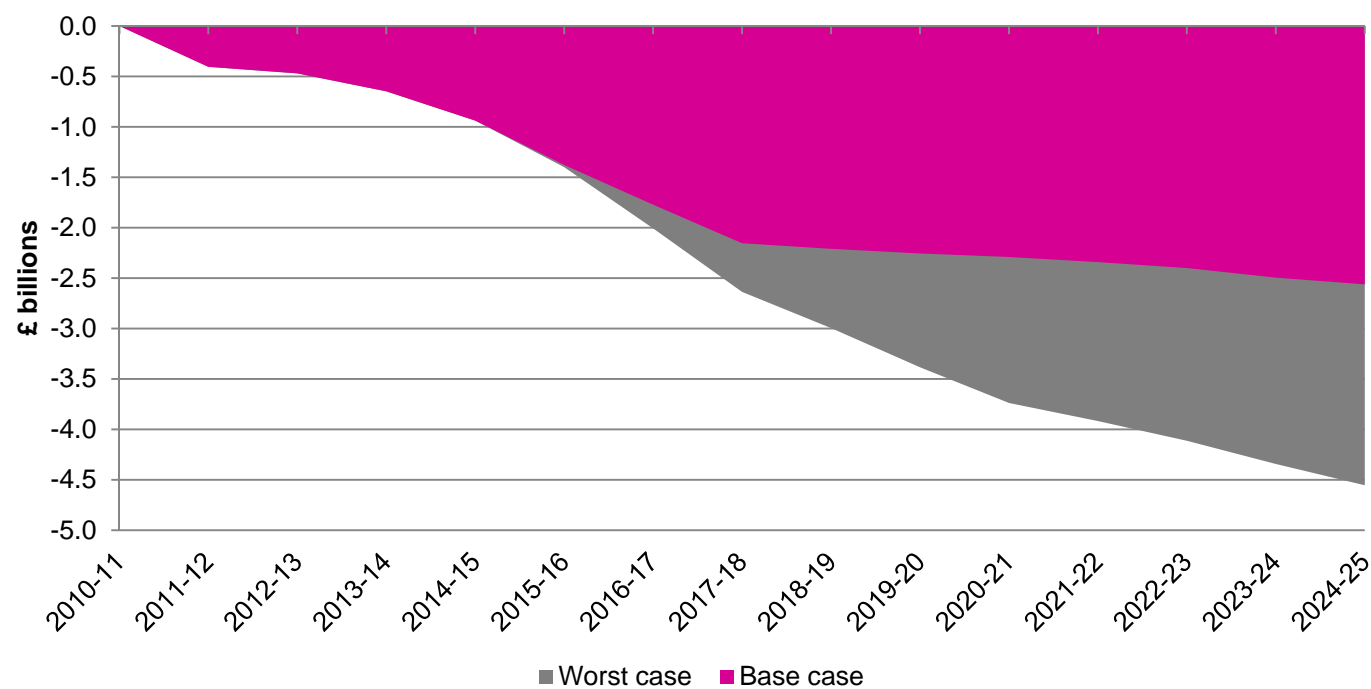


**% change in number of users aged 18-64
2006-05 to 2011-12**





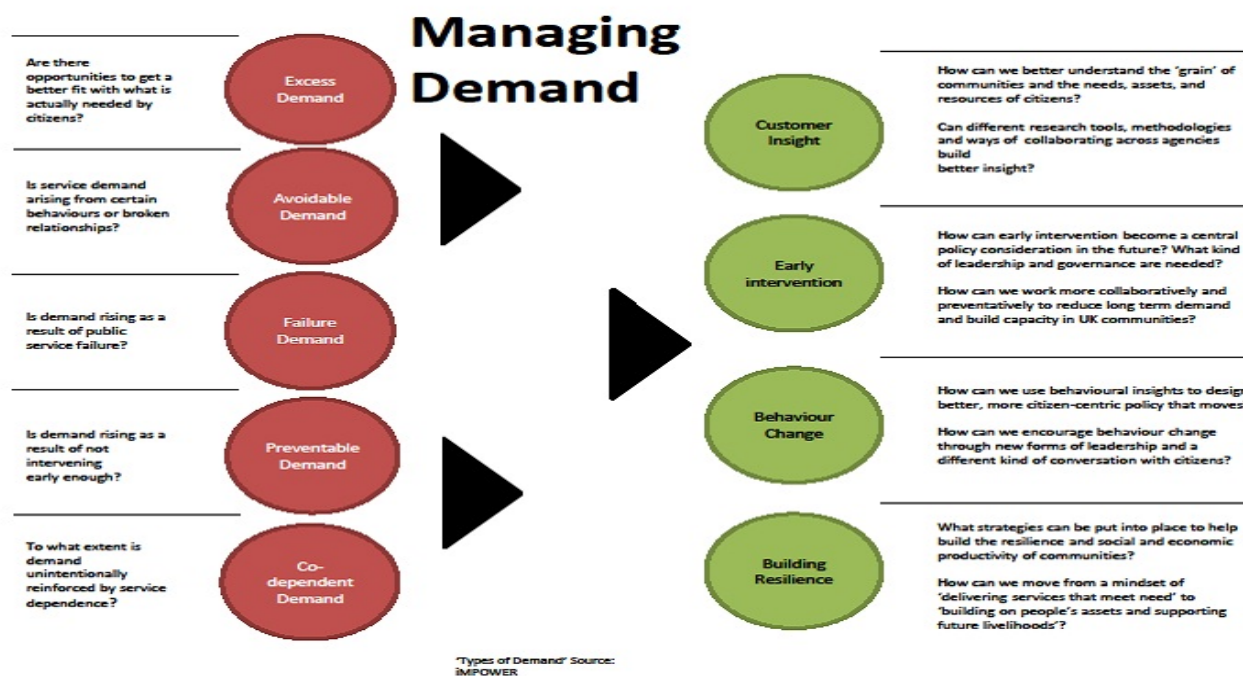
The funding gap



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Possible response?





Next steps

- Developing better understanding of practice in Wales and beyond
- Looking to meet evidence needs
- Emerging issues:
 - Understanding demand (causes, patterns, trends)
 - Implementation issues (knowledge transfer, change management, organisational development)
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Improving engagement between public and service providers
 - Can behavioural science be effective in influencing professional and public behaviours



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